

# PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton

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PRESENT: Councillors H Brady, S Deacon-Church, G Dix, L Hardman, H Howson,  
J Humphries, S Long, A Lyons (Chairman), P McSherry, C Mitchard, B Stevens, M  
Stevens and H Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk and Councillor (B&NES) J Bull.

## 724. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies from Councillor T Bridgeman.

## 725. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

## 726. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 727. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Please welcome Ben Stevens who has joined us as a Councillor. Many thanks go to Elaine Griffiths and Paul Hartley for all the work they did for the community while Paulton Parish Councillors, they will both be missed.

It is great to be able to report that Terry is now home from hospital and doing well.

I was privileged to be asked to judge the Easter Hat Parade at Acorn Preschool where there was a prize for a boy and a girl (bought from my Chairman allowance). Unfortunately one little boy was upset that he hadn't won, however the chocolate/sweets that I took soon cheered him up!

Tomorrow I will be attending the annual Civic Reception at the Roman Baths where Cherry Beath, the Chair of Bath Council is hosting the function and hoping to raise much needed funds for several local charities that she supports.

The Vice-Chairman gave an update on an Enterprise Zone meeting he recently attended. The Terms of Reference were initially set out for the group just to receive information and feed it back however those present felt that the group needed to be able to express views and discuss therefore the Terms of Reference were expanded to accommodate the groups request. The highway will be refurbished, along with footpaths; no additional roads will be made. It is hoped that the Enterprise Zone will create 1,700 jobs. Businesses moving in will be offered no charge for business rates so a question has been raised that if this is the case will they allow existing businesses to move into the area from local areas, such as Westfield Trading Estate, if zero business rates are to be offered. A hotel may be built in the area. As this is in the Parish of Paulton consultation with the Parish Council was requested.

## 728. CLERKS REPORT

Fix My Street – the Clerk attended a presentation on Thursday 8th March about a new product called Fix My Street. There is already a national site called Fix My Street that does feed into B&NES but in the next 2 months a localised Fix My Street is to be rolled out by B&NES. Anyone will be able to use to report all issues such as potholes, street

lighting and a lot more. It is to be rolled out in 2 stages – first highways and street lighting. The Clerk was very impressed with the product and the maps were excellent. Anyone will be able to see what has been logged, updates and when the job has been started etc.

The Clerk will provide updates and let everyone know when it is up and running and can be used. The Clerk is in a group that will provide feedback back to B&NES therefore will want feedback from users once up and running.

BMX track – it is still hoped that the works will start end of March/beginning of April; the Clerk has asked the company for an update on the start date but is waiting for a reply.

Red Lion toilets – the underground water leak works will start on 26th March 2018.

729. VACANCIES

**Resolved** – that Councillor L Hardman is appointed to the Parks and Amenities committee until May 2018.

730. PAULTON LIBRARY/HUB UPDATE

A brief update was provided. Following the decision that the Parish Council agrees, in principle, to possibly taking on the library, residents are to be consulted on whether they want to save the library in Paulton and at what cost to them. The outcome will be decided by the majority of those who have voted as in all elections. There is a business plan that will be made available to everyone.

**Resolved** - (i) that the dates for members of the public to attend exhibitions/open meetings are as follows:

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Annual Assembly

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** 9am – 12pm – Library/Hub

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** 10am to 8pm – meeting room at Village Hall.

(ii) that the consultation will go into the June edition of the Paulton Magazine and (iii) the results of the consultation and decision will go to the PPC meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

731. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATOIN (GDPR)

**Resolved** – that the Council proceed with the Local Council Public Advisory Service to keep the Council compliant and provide a DPO service at a cost of £150.00 per year (to be taken from cost code Professional Fees 4060).

732. FINANCES (MONTH 11 – FEBRUARY 2018)

**Resolved** - that the finances for month 11 are received and noted.

733. EAR MARKED RESERVES FOR 2018/19

**Resolved** – that the proposed earmarked reserves for 2018/19 were approved with the following changes:

Cemetery Chapel decreased from £10,000 to £5,000

Wooden Classroom increased from £80,000 to £85,000

That £10,000 is added specifically for the replacement of the swimming pool floor.

734. NALC/ALCA – MEMBERSHIP 2018/19

**Resolved** – that the annual subscription of £719.79 is approved.

735. PARISH SWEEPER SCHEME

**Resolved** – that the information is noted.

736. S106 MONEY

**7.40pm it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillor J Bull to discuss, Standing Orders resumed at 7.43pm.**

Councillors discussed the options and suggested lowering the height of the sign, installing a no through road sign and to do a proper job the white lines in the area should be repainted. It was thought that these works and the cost of the labour would be more than £100 therefore Councillor Bull with liaison with Highways, B&NES and report back at the next meeting.

737. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018

**Resolved** – that the report is noted.

738. PAULTON VILLAGE HALL QUARTERLY REPORT

**Resolved** – that the report is noted.

739. PROPOSED EXTENSION UPDATE– PAULTON COMMUNITY POOL

The Clerk reported that if the Parish Council were to invest in an extension the ownership of the original building and new extension would still remain with B&NES however there is 89 years left on the lease which appears to be favourable to the Parish Council in that there is no break clause however this is presently being checked to see if it provides any security of tenure.

The grant process has started. Ownership of the retaining wall is being sought although proving difficult as there are no records held.

740. PLUMPTRE ROAD

**Resolved** – that the licence as presented is approved.

741. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at 7.00pm.

742. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**Resolved** – That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – to consider a commercial matter.

743. RENT CEMETERY LODGE

**Resolved** – that the rent is increased by £10 per month.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(Chairman)